

NEIGHBOURHOOD
INVASIVE PLANT
COST SHARE PROGRAM
INFORMATION
PACKAGE
2017



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT



STRUGGLING TO MANAGE INVASIVE PLANTS ON YOUR PROPERTY?

Invasive plants pose a significant threat to the ecological, social, and economic values of the Peace River Regional District (PRRD). As invasive plants do not respect property boundaries and a more integrated approach is required, the Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Cost Share Program has been adopted to encourage and support invasive plant management efforts on privately owned, occupied, and managed lands with the PRRD and its neighbouring Municipalities. The hope is that a coordinated approach across both public and private lands will lead to greater success in the battle against invasive plants in the PRRD.

The PRRD Invasive Plant Program is proud to be able to offer a unique program for residential private lands within the PRRD. The NIPCSP will assist land owners, holders, and managers by providing the guidance, resources, and in some cases, financial support necessary to manage priority invasive plants on private lands. However, this program is not intended to fund property owners' ongoing obligation to control invasive plants as required under the Provincial *Weed Act*.

Modeled after successful programs implemented throughout the province of BC, the NIPCSP provides four unique program options to support private landowners, occupiers, and managers including:

1. **New Invaders Rebate*** - Private land owners/occupiers/managers who have new invasive plant species identified on the **Regional Early Detection and Rapid Response (REDRR)** list or not previously found in the region can apply to be reimbursed up to 100% of the treatment costs incurred from a licensed contractor for treatment. This rebate may be offered in successive years if new invaders are identified.
2. **Cost Sharing Rebate*** -
 - a. Private land owners/occupiers/managers that have '**Category A Species**' as identified by the PRRD can apply to be reimbursed 50-75% of the treatment costs incurred from a licensed contractor up to a maximum of \$500 to \$750. This rebate is offered for the initial year of treatment and will be offered to applicants who have not previously applied for the cost sharing rebate.
 - b. Livestock producers that have palatable **Category A and/or B Species** as identified by the PRRD can apply to be reimbursed 50% of the livestock training costs incurred from participation within the Livestock Eat Weeds program operated through the Peace River Forage Association up to a maximum of \$200. This rebate is offered for the initial year of training and will be offered to applicants who have not previously applied for the cost sharing rebate.
3. **Herbicide Rebate*** - Private land owners/occupiers/managers can apply to be reimbursed 50% of chemical purchase, up to a maximum of \$500.00, provided **Category A and B Invasive Plant Species** are being treated. This rebate is offered for the initial year of treatment and will be offered to applicants who have not previously applied for the cost sharing rebate.

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4. **Guidance, Support, Resources** – Any land owner is eligible to receive a free on-site evaluation where an Integrated Pest Management Plan can be developed. Guidance is offered and printed materials are provided. **This service is offered annually to all applicants (subject to PRRD staff availability) and is required for all successful applications.**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

NIPCSP is available to non-commercial, private land owners, occupiers, and managers within the PRRD and its neighbouring municipalities. However, in order to qualify for the New Invaders Rebate, Cost Sharing Rebate, or the Herbicide Rebate program options, private lands must:

- ✓ Contain the specified categorized invasive plants as listed below,
- ✓ Complete a **Request for Assistance** application form,
- ✓ Complete and submit an integrated pest management plan as per the **Guidance, Support, and Resources** section, and
- ✓ Undergo an on-site evaluation will be conducted by the PRRD Invasive Plant Program Staff.
- ✓ Following pre-approval of application, rebates are issued once invoices and supporting paperwork are submitted, no later than **60 days** from the approval date.

WHEN DOES THE PROGRAM BEGIN?

The program begins on May 1st annually, with a continuous intake of applications until October 1, funding is completed, or weather conditions restrict treatment options.

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

Funding varies annually based on the number of new invasive species introductions and requests for assistance.

WHAT ARE THE INVASIVE PLANTS WITHIN EACH OF THE CATEGORIES?

Invasive plants within the PRRD are categorized into 4 separate categories. A full list of these plants including photos, descriptions, and management options can be found on our website at: <http://prrd.bc.ca/services/invasive-plants/plans-reports-invasive-plants/>. For the purpose of this program, only plants found within the Regional Early Detection Rapid Response, Category A, and Category B categories will qualify for funding. Education and Awareness plants DO NOT qualify.

Regional Early Detection Rapid Response (REDRR)

Regional EDRR species are a significant threat and are new to the area under construction. The achievable management objective is eradication. This list includes brand new incursions and high risk invasive plant species that are extremely limited in extent (i.e. have less than 10 very small sites) in the area under consideration. Some of these species may not be present within the PRRD but are found in adjacent areas and are at risk of being introduced.

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Category A

These invasive plants are highly competitive, have the ability to spread rapidly and pose a significant threat. They have been aggressively managed over time and their populations are minimal at the landscape level. These plants require continued persistent treatment over time in order to achieve eradication.

Category B

These plants have established themselves at the landscape level and are still aggressively treated by the agriculture sector to protect crop yields and production of other agriculture products. These plants are expected to be managed where they threaten environmental, social or economic values.

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you are interested in the New Invaders' Rebate, Cost Sharing Rebate, or Herbicide Rebate, please fill out the form within this package. Applications can be sent to:

Invasive Plant Program

c/o Peace River Regional District

Box 810, 1981 Alaska Avenue

Dawson Creek, BC

V1G 4H8

TEL: (250)784.3200

FAX: (250)784-3201

Email: prrd.dc@prrd.bc.ca

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**Regional Early Detection Rapid Response (REDRR)**

Common Name	Latin Name
Baby's breath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>
Big Head knapweed	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>
Black Henbane	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>
Blueweed	<i>Echium vulgare</i>
Bohemian knotweed	<i>Fallopia x bohemica</i>
Brown knapweed	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>
Cheat grass	<i>Bromus tectorum</i>
Chicory	<i>Cichorium intybus</i>
Creeping bell flower	<i>Campunaula rapunculoides</i>
Cypress spurge	<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>
Field Scabious /Blue button	<i>Knautia arvensis</i>
Giant knotweed	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>
Himalayan balsam/Policeman's Helmet	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
Himalayan knotweed	<i>Polygonum polystachyum</i>
Hoary alyssum	<i>Bereroa incana</i>
Hoary cress	<i>Cardaria draba</i>
Hound's tongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>
Japanese knotweed	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>
Leafy spurge	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>
Marsh plume thistle	<i>Cirsium palustre</i>
Mountain bluet	<i>Centaurea Montana</i>
Nodding thistle	<i>Carduss nutans</i>
Plumeless thistle	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>
Purple loosestrife	<i>Lythrum spp.</i>
Queen Anne's Lace	<i>Daucus carota</i>
Rush skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
Sulphur cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla recta</i>
Tansy ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobeeae</i>
Tartary buckwheat	<i>Fagopyrum tataricum</i>
Wild Chervil	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>
Wild parsnip	<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>
Yellow archangel	<i>Lamiastrum galeobdolon</i>

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Category A - High Priority for Eradication and Containment

Common Name	Latin Name
Burdock	<i>Arctium spp.</i>
Comfrey	<i>Symphytum spp</i>
Common tansy	<i>Tanacetum vulgar</i>
Dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i>
Diffuse knapweed	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
Green foxtail	<i>Sertaria viridis</i>
Meadow goat's-beard or salsify	<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>
Orange hawkweed	<i>Heiracium aurantiacum</i>
Russian thistle	<i>Salsola kali</i>
Spotted knapweed	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>
Invasive yellow hawkweeds	<i>Pilosella spp.</i>
Wild caraway	<i>Carum carvi</i>

Category B - Medium Priority for Eradication and Containment

Common Name	Latin Name
Annual bluegrass	<i>Poa Annua</i>
Common toadflax	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>
Creeping (Canada) thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
Kochia	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>
Night-flowering catchfly	<i>Silene noctiflora</i>
Oxeye daisy	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>
Scentless chamomile	<i>Matricaria perforata</i>
Tall/Meadow buttercup	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>

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REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) has adopted the Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Cost Share Program (NIPCSP) to provide land owners, occupiers, and managers with the guidance, support, and financial assistance necessary to manage invasive plants located on privately owned, non-commercial land. Please fill in this form as the first step in applying to the program.

Electoral Area/Community: _____

Landowner Name: _____

Land Occupier Name (if different from owner): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Civic Address (911): _____

Legal Description of Property: Lot _____ Block _____ DL _____
Quarter _____ Sec _____ TWP _____ R _____

Landowner Phone Number: Primary: _____

Email Address: _____

* Note: If you are completing this form on behalf of the landowner (i.e. you are a leasee, renter, or land manager) please include your name and contact information in the box below:

Total area of property: _____ ac or ha (please circle one)

Total estimated area of invasive plant infestation: _____ ac or ha (please circle one)

Invasive plant species present: _____

New Invaders Rebate: _____

Cost Sharing Rebate: _____

I am applying to the following program option(s): Herbicide Rebate: _____

Not sure: _____

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Please indicate if you have received assistance previously through NIPCSP, describe how you are carrying out your weed management plan and how many years of treatments remain:

Additional Comments:

I have read and agree to the conditions and certify that all information provided is correct. Please sign and initial beside the appropriate conditions below.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

_____ If signing on behalf of the landowner (i.e. you are a leasee, renter, or land manager), your signature indicates that you have received permission from the landowner to apply and participate in the program.

_____ Eligibility for the program is contingent upon receiving all application forms, participation in a site visit, and completion of an Integrated Pest Management Plan.

_____ Program eligibility is dependent on funding availability and the ability to meet program criterion.

_____ Completion of this form does not guarantee funding.

_____ Funds are limited each year.

By checking the circle, I agree to sharing treatment records with the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations, Invasive Alien Plant Program (IAPP) database.

Completed Application Forms & Supporting Documents can be sent to:

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